

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

APFDC Ltd. – Eco-Tourism Projects – SKVBR Botanical Garden, Night Safari and Eco Park, and Bird Park in Kothaguda Reserve Forest – Projects awarded to the Developers – Orders Issued – Certain Amendment – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 153

Dated:20.11.2008

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Ms. No.142, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.15.12.2007.
2. From Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority Letter No.21-1/2003-CZA(417)(M), dt.6.10.2008.
3. From Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited, Letter No.FDC/ET-2/11.29/8/TRAC, Dt.4.11.2008.

ORDER:-

In the G.O. 1st read above, orders have been issued approving the recommendations made by the State Empowered Committee relating to Revised Revenue Sharing Mechanism in respect of (1) SKVBR Botanical Gardens; (2) Night Safari, and (3) Bird Park in Kothaguda Reserve Forests, Rangareddy District as detailed in para 7 therein and permit the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited to enter into separate agreements for the Eco Park and Eco-Habitat (Visitors Amenities) components of the Night Safari Park, excluding the Night Safari component, which requires statutory clearances.

2. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority have clarified that the proposed Night Safari at Kothaguda R.F., in RR District, Andhra Pradesh has planned to keep and exhibit exotic animals only which are not covered under the wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. So the proposed facility does not under the definition of "Zoo" and no prior permission from the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38H (A) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is needed for establishment of the same. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh has also forwarded the above clarification issued by Central Zoo Authority to the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited to take follow up action.

3. The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited, while referring to the letters of Central Zoo Authority and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, has requested the Government to issue necessary orders to enable to take up follow up action entering into agreement for Phase-II of the project with the Developer M/s.Trac India (P) Ltd., duly amending the G.O. Ms. No.142, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.15.12.2007 to that extent.

4. Government have examined the matter carefully and considered that at the time of placing the proposals before the State Empowered Committee, the clarification now given by the Central Zoo Authority is not available and accordingly it was ordered in the G.O. for entering separate agreements for the Eco-park and Eco-habitat (Visitors Amenities) components of the Night Safari Park excluding the Night Safari component which requires statutory clearances.

(p.t.o.)

5. In view of the clearance issued by Central Zoo Authority, the G.O. Ms. No.142, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.15.12.2007 requires to be amended suitably. Accordingly Government hereby issue the following amendment:-

AMENDMENT

For para 8 of G.O. Ms. No.142, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt.15.12.2007, the following shall be substituted:-

"8. The Government after examining the recommendations made by the State Empowered Committee relating to Revised Revenue Sharing Mechanism in respect of (1) SKVBR Botanical Gardens; (2) Night Safari, and (3) Bird Park in Kothaguda Reserve Forests, Rangareddy District as detailed in para 7 therein hereby, permit the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited to enter into separate agreements for the Eco Park and Eco-Habitat (Visitors Amenities) components of the Night Safari Park, including the Night Safari component."

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited,
Hyderabad.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Director, Eco-Tourism, A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited,
Hyderabad.

The Member-Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, Bikaner House, Annex.VI,
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The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests,
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